

DESTROY LANDS RETREAT COVERED

GERMANS CUT TREES AND SHELL
VILLAGES AS THEY RETIRE
ON WESTERN FRONT.

APPROPRIATE SUPPLIES

American Relief Supplies Confiscated
—French Men and Boys Made
Prisoners.

War Correspondents' Headquarters with the British Armies in France March 21.—"We would have starved if it had not been for the American Relief Commission," declared a Frenchwoman in the City Hall of Kestle to-day the correspondent, speaking for herself and her two little children, their pallid faces and high cheekbones giving evidence of their privations.

Whenever one went in the territory recently evacuated by the Germans the same story was repeated. There are many other stories of hardships being told, although most of the inhabitants said the German soldiers had been well disciplined and kept strictly under control. It was repeatedly asserted, however, that within the last few weeks the Germans had appropriated some of the American relief stores to their own use, even to the extent of three-fourths of the supplies. It was also said that the Germans took possession of the white flour, issuing black flour instead to the inhabitants.

Some of the peasants encountered in the evacuated territory were plainly joyous at their liberation. Others appeared to have their spirits broken. Their attitude was one of absolute submission to anything that might happen. Many young children, who had seen nothing but German soldiers in their lives, stared today in almost stupid wonder at the British Tomies, clad in khaki and wearing their steel hats.

One of the greatest ordeals the people said they had to endure was to stand by and see their homes broken up by the Germans as the soldiers were leaving. In some instances the French inhabitants, who had been held virtually as prisoners during the German occupation, had been segregated in certain parts of the villages while the work of destruction was going on elsewhere. At Rouy, however, it was stated and reiterated by scores of persons that the inhabitants of this village and of several other villages had been gathered at Rouy-Le-Petit in certain houses and told to remain in them a certain number of hours while the Germans got away. While so herded together, they declared, the Germans had sent 200 shells into the village, killing several persons. The funerals which were in progress in the village to-day lent color to the story. People in other villages also assert that they distinctly heard this firing and thought that a battle was in progress.

Men and Boys Taken Off.

It was pitiful to motor to-day through villages which had been far from the firing line and untouched by any shells and yet were lying in absolute ruins. Active steps are being taken by both the British and French to relieve the people in the liberated zone. About the only persons seen are old men, women and children. Boys who had attained the age of 16 years or more since the German occupation and men who were considered over the military age by the French were taken off by the Germans for work behind their lines. Many of these French boys and old men had been compelled to work in the German trenches where they said they also met many Belgians and Russians, the latter of course being prisoners of war. It was asserted that one of the reasons for the wholesale deportation of Belgians was the necessity for this labor in constructing the new positions to which the Germans have fallen back. The Germans wished to spare the soldiers from this work and so employed these unwilling civilians and prisoners.

The amount of work involved in sawing down fruit trees in the evacuated territory is almost incalculable, and the destruction seems to have been carried out within the last few days. The Germans claim that some trees other than fruit trees were destroyed for the purpose of blocking the roads, this being justified by military law, was belied in many places where trees lying the roads and deliberately cut down fell in positions away from the roadway. In any event the clearing of the roads of fallen trees was a matter of comparatively few minutes.

War's Big Lesson.

One lesson has been learned in

this war, one truth established: Any modern nation can abolish poverty. Think of it! Nearly 4,000,000 "hands" are employed in making munitions in Great Britain; 4,000,000 more are soldiers; in all some 10,000,000 of the best workers have been withdrawn from the industrial army and the remaining 5,000,000 have been able to provide a good living, not only for themselves, and for all the women and children, but also for the nonproducing combatants, and we are told that never have the poor been so well off, while laws have had to be passed limiting the dinners of the rich to three courses.

But what would the wealth of the country be if the 10,000,000 men employed in unproducing labor were all at work producing necessities or rather commodities?

Clearly it is possible now to establish by law a minimum wage far higher than any standard in the past; it would probably be advisable to lift this minimum wage gradually though not slowly.

At any rate, the old plea that the establishment of a high minimum wage and a decent standard of living for the working class would entail general impoverishment, that in order to level up the lowest classes it would be necessary to level down the well to do classes, is proved to be absurd. The whole of the poorer classes can be lifted up and yet leave more for the able and clever than they could have gotten half a century ago.

Lloyd George is in a position, if he will, to do more for England than the great revolution did for France; he could nationalize the land and the railways and all public service, establish a minimum wage and an eight hour day; in fact, bring England nearer the ideal of social justice than even France. The war has shown that the deal is actual; here and now, as Goethe said, it is possible to realize our dreams.—Pearsons Magazine.

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HOW TO CURE CHILDREN OF NERVOUSNESS

In the Woman's Home Companion Dr. Roger H. Bennett says:

"It is impossible to give any one plan of treatment for all nervous children, because each case is different, and each child must be handled with the utmost common sense and tact. Some children can be broken of their nervousness by severe and strict discipline, while others must be humored to a certain extent. There is one rule, however, which applies to all, and that is for those who surround the child never to become excited themselves, or to give a recital of the child's nervous symptoms in his presence. Neither should nervous children continually be told that they are nervous. In fact, it is sometimes best to overlook the nervous symptoms altogether. Nervous children should be allowed to play with other children of their own age, and not kept by themselves, as is often done. Sometimes in the younger children the nervous symptoms disappear when they start to school."

TO THE VOTERS OF OHIO COUNTY

In announcing myself as a candidate for the office of County judge of Ohio County, subject to the action of the Republican party, I feel that the Republicans of the County are sufficiently familiar with my political affiliation with and endorsement of said party to judge as to whether or not I merit an endorsement at their hands. I am persuaded that they will give me fair consideration as a farmer and laborer in behalf of the welfare of the same I hope I am sufficient well known that they too are able to cast judgement as to my fitness or ability to perform the duties required by said office. As a citizen I can only ask that if you are not sufficiently acquainted with my conduct through life enquire of those who know me and vote for what you believe to be the best interest to the county and I will abide the result whatever it may be.

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FAMILY READY FOR WAR.

Pennsylvanian Offers Fourteen Sons
and Seven Daughters.

Clearfield, Pa.,—Theodore Roosevelt, who offered himself and four sons to his country in the event of war, is not in a class with William Albright, 65, a farmer, who has just tendered the services of himself, fourteen sons and seven daughters to President Wilson, whenever they are needed.

Albright heard a neighbor, Joseph Chase, say the other day that he could do better than ex-President Roosevelt for his country by offering seven sons to the American cause. Albright immediately announced that he was ready and willing to outdo both.

"I have fourteen sons and myself for the army, and seven daughters for the Red Cross," he said, "and I am going to notify President Wilson that we are all ready."

When he returned to this city he kept his word.

A fifteenth son was killed in an accident at Dubois last fall.

SHORTAGE OF BILLION TIN CANS THREATENED

Washington, March 24.—A shortage of approximately one billion tin cans confronts the canning industries of the country, according to estimates made to-day by canning interests and Department of Commerce officials.

Nearly five billion cans were used last year in all branches of the industry. The demand this year is said to be about double that and canners are hoping to increase their output 50 per cent. Only four billion tin cans are in sight and the manufacture of this amount bids fair to be delayed considerably because of transportation difficulties and shortage of steel for plate. A shortage of black tin, imported from British colonies and Great Britain, also is threatened.

Principal railroads to-day notified the Department of Commerce that embargoes placed on plate, steel and black tin had been lifted and that everything possible is being done to expedite the shipment. A committee of six Government officials and representatives of plate and canning interests has undertaken to make an inventory of the canner's requirements. Should the necessary number of tin cans be forthcoming from manufacturers, it is said the price of canned goods probably will remain at the present level, which is an increase over last year's prices of about 25 per cent.

In one industry alone, the canning of gray fish, the shortage is said to approximate 500,000 cans.

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A Jap Get-Rich-Quick Call.

A share broker in Tokio, wishing to stimulate speculation among the English-speaking residents, composed a great handbill at great pains, and printing it by some mimeograph means on a large sheet of paper reproducing handwriting, scattered it broadcast. It read:

"To the Wideawake Public: One who wants to make money why not try Stock-business at such rare extraordinary chance? Even a fool, his pocket is swelling up every day. Why? Because he is daring it blindly. Awaiting your order. More or less yours faithfully,

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Alas! His minions handing out the enticing composition encountered on all sides brokers and customers in the throes of the sudden panic, barely escaping ill usage. As for Okino Yonesaburo, he was suddenly too busy with his own affairs to lament a literary failure.—East and West News.

FRIENDSHIP REAWAKENED BY WAR, TEMPS DECLARES

Paris, March 25.—The Temps, in its leader, commenting on the suggestion that Americans loan or give \$1,000,000,000 to France, says:

"In the difficult times in which we live it is consoling to encounter straightforward, disinterested sentiments that reawaken hopes of a higher humanity."

Referring to the friendship between France and America the Temps notes that at the beginning of the Twentieth century "what the Americans admired in France was no longer

er our force, nor our ideals; it was not our virtues, but the pleasures we offered.

"We exercised a lively attraction on them," continues the paper, "but we lacked prestige and authority. The Marne, the Yser and Verdun have revised American judgment of France. For years we talked to them of nothing but literature and fashions. The assumption of battle has shown them we had other springs to our bow and from that moment the friendship that lacked, not fidelity, but substance, was reawakened."

HOLY ROLLERS SLAY SELVES AS THEIR 'MIRACLES' FAIL.

Columbia, Miss., March 25.—Chagrined over their failure to work miracles, Steve Reagon and his wife, Lucy, members of the Holy Roller sect, committed suicide Friday.

Reagon produced a rattle snake in a Holy Roller meeting Monday night and announced to the congregation that the rattler would not bite him because he was "sanctified." The snake drove his fangs into Reagon's flesh.

Mrs. Reagon brooded over the affair, took poison Friday and died. A few hours later Reagon killed himself by the same method.

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TOBACCO SEASON IN GREEN RIVER DISTRICT AT END

Owensboro, Ky., March 25.—This week will close the tobacco deliveries for the season in the Green River district. It is estimated that about 1,000,000 pounds remain undelivered. The past week 1,157,590 pounds were sold at a general average of \$10.92. During the season there have been sold 24,372,645 pounds of dark tobacco. The sales through the pools and at the barns will run about 15,000,000 pounds, making the Green River crop total 40,000,000 pounds, for which the farmers have received \$4,500,000.

Governor's Conference Likely.

Madison, Wis., March 25.—A conference of Governors of the various States with President Wilson to work out a uniform plan for the mobilization of the country's economic resources, as outlined by the council of National Defense, probably will be called, Miles C. Riley, secretary of the National Governors' Conference, said to-night. Mr. Riley said all members of the Executive Committee had written him that such a meeting with the President is desirable soon after Congress convenes.

Road Work Begun.

Owensboro, Ky., March 25.—Contracts have been let and construction is now in progress on fifty-five miles of roads in Daviess county. These contracts call for the expenditure of \$343,434.09 of the \$600,000 road bond issue voted by the people of Daviess county. There has been paid out on the contracts \$72,396.63. Additional rock and gravel road contracts will be awarded at the April meeting of the Fiscal Court.

Organize For Relief Work.

Owensboro, Ky., March 25.—"For God, for Country, for Home" has been adopted as the slogan of the Woman's Relief League, organized in Owensboro with ninety members, to give every aid possible in the event that the United States enters the war. Committees have been named and the work has already started on "first-aid" articles.

When It First Happened.

The first steamboat plied the Hudson in 1807.
The first sawmakers' anvil was brought to America in 1819.
The first use of a locomotive in this country was in 1820.
Kerosene was first used for lighting purposes in 1826.
The first horse railroad was built in 1826-1827.
The first lucifer match was made in 1829.
The first iron steamship was made in 1829.
The first steel pen was made in 1830.
Omnibuses were introduced in New York in 1830.
Ships were first "copper-bottomed" in 1837.
Envelopes were first used in 1839.
Anesthetics were discovered in 1844.
The first steel plate was discovered in 1830.
The entire Hebrew Bible was printed in 1488.
Gold was first discovered in California in 1848.
Christianity was introduced into Japan in 1549.
First almanac printed by George von Furback in 1460.

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